A Chance to be Given in Helena to Test the Attractivenes of Church Fairs.

Social Events of the Past Week Including a Pleasant Eastside Party.

The Union Club of Butte-Movements o People Welt Known in Capital City Society.

[Readers of THE INDEPENDENT are invited to end in notices of social events of interest in Helena or elsewhere, personal or other items, suited to this column. Names of senders should accompany communications, not for publication. but to prevent mistakes.]

Society does a great deal of very good

the same time very effective way. There is no more successful beggar than a pretty woman at a church fair, who pins a button hole boquet in the lapel of your coat and then, in the most innocent way, accepts a dollar without offering to make change, and leaves the bashful young man without money or even a kind word to compensate him for his embarrassment. Once in the wicked city of New York I heard of an otherwise exemplary young lady who in a fit of enthusiasm, sold a kiss to the highest bidder and made the hospital fund \$10 richer by her daring, while many a poor man has paid \$5 for an article he could have bought else-where for one third of the sum; but men who go to church fairs expect to give much

who go to church fairs expect to give much for sweet charity's sake, and it is a sorry day for the fashionable youth who attempts to have some fun without paying for it.

The Altar Guild of St. Peter's church propose to give a fair Nov. 21 at the residence of Mrs. Joe Davis on Ewing street, and as the members of the aforesaid guild are all young ladies, very well known in social circles, it is safe to assert that a big crush will attend the fair and a large sum be realized for what is unquestionably a good cause. Everything will be for sale, and I trust sold, and with such a charming number of salesladies there is little reason to doubt it.

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The past week has not been a particularly gay one. On Thursday evening Mrs. Julia Ward Howe attracted a large audience to hear how impolite polite people are prone to be. Mrs. Ward Howe has had plenty of opportunity of judging, and if she would only take some of the soirces given in our western mining camps, she could probably obtain material for another lecture with a better title. On Friday Mrs. Howe held an informal reception at the Hotel Broadwater, and many prominent people availed themselves of the opportunity afforded to meet a very charming and exceedingly clever lady and a thorough woman of the world.

On the same evening Miss Grace Fisk entertained about fifty of her friends with a progressive enchre party, which was a great success, while the prices given were not only pretty and in good taste, but in some instances quite valuable. Miss Briscoe was fortunate enough to win the ladies prize, consisting of a very handsome plating the state of the party of the party of the party of the prices of the prices of the prices given were not only pretty and in good taste, but in some instances quite valuable. Miss Briscoe was fortunate enough to win the ladies prize, consisting of a very handsome plating and could be contact. The ladies has better the ladies prize, and could be contact.

coe was fortunate enough to win the ladies prize, consisting of a very handsome platinum and gold bracelet. The ladies' booby prize was a very handsome rose jar, and the gentlemen's first prize, a handsome scarfpin, with a jeweled fly, won by Mr. Piercy. The gentleman's booby prize consisted of a little pitcher for which Messrs W. Carpenter and J. A. Sanders nobly contested, having tied on their score. Among those presents ing tied on their score. Among those present were: Mrs. D. W. Fisk and Mrs. Hare, the Misses Bach, Lehman, Chumasero, Davenport, Rumley, Richards, Blaine, Briscoe, Crounse, Carpenter, Phillips, Atkinson, Hedges, and Messrs Fisk, Parker, S. Carpenter, W. Kelly, W. Carpenter, Mc-Intyre, J. U. Sanders, Draper, Thornburgh, Hare, B. King, C. Power and Burns.

The Union club of Butte gave their second party on Friday evening last and it was a great success. Messrs. B. King and A. M. Thornburgh were among those invited to attend. ing tied on their score

Personal and General.

Mr. E. D. Edgerton left for the east on Thursday night.

Mr. E. F. Crosby has also departed for England on business intent.

Miss Raht's wedding to Mr. Smyser will take place in June, at the home of the bride.

Miss Laura King and her aunt, Mrs. Potter, left for Butte on Wednesday last on a visit to the Misses Horst of that city.

Miss S. A. McBrine, who has been visit ing friends in St. Louis for the past four months, returned to Helena or Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Adams propose to test the climate influence of Seattle during the cold months and accordingly left Helena on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, of Great Falls, have taken rooms in the Gates block for the coming winter. Miss Mabel Mar-

tin expects to spend the winter in St. Louis. Mr. F. R. Wallace has gone off for a three weeks' outing in search of small game. During his absence Mr. Jackson will fill

his position as director of the Encore club. Mr. Horace B. Kane expects to shake the dust of Helena from off his feet on Friday next, and will go directly to England where he expects to remain about two or three months, returning in time for the height of our winter gaiety.

That love laughs at locksmiths was pretty clearly proven last week when Mr. Guy Preston and Jesse Stubbs were made man and wife despite the objections of the young lady's pazents, on the ground that a young lady of seventeen does not always know her

Mr. and Mrs. Riddell, life partners, but who are unable to consult professionally, being physicians of two different schools, arrived in Helena last week and expect to make this their future home. Dr. Wm. C. Riddell, of Boston, is an allopathist and his wife, Dr. Nana Riddell, the latter a sishibit wife, Dr. Nana Riddell, the latter a sishibit wife, Dr. Nana Riddell, the latter as is a homeon. ter of Mr. Spruille Braden, is a homeopa-thist. They are both alumni of Ann Arbor university, having taken their degrees several years ago.

ral years ago.

I am in receipt of a letter from a young Warm Springs. I am in receipt of a letter from a young man who wants to know the easiest plan to become acquainted with the best people in Helena. His claims to being recognized are that he is an excellent dancer and has always moved in the best circles in "Laramie." Failing, however, to have any letter of introduction, and having no friends here, naturally tend to make this a difficult matter; but if the young gentleman, who writes under the name of "George," can talk as well as he can dance and is not bashful, time will doubtless deal kindly with him and give him the desired entree into the and give him the desired entree into the social sphere.

Bee'swing.

Irrigation in Utah County, Utah.

The Utah county court. Utah, has sent to the governor a map four by seven feet in size, showing the lakes, rivers, creeks, springs, reservoirs, canals, ditches, and other topographical features of the county, of which the map is designed to give an ex-

that to produce one acre of crops in this section, 40,000 cubic feet of water are needed section, 40,000 cubic feet of water are needed during the season. In the wet season enough water goes to waste on the east side of the valley, water that might be stored, to water all the arable lands on that side, while water from artesian wells might be had for the west side of the valley. Unfortunately the land is owned in from five to twenty acre lots by people too poor to build reservoirs or drive wells, so that government help is necessary for the development of the land, or at least to show the practicability of such development. Irrigation statistics of a similar character are being collected elsewhere in Utah. elsewhere in Utah.

"THE RAZOR-STROP MAN"

Death of One of Wall Street's Best Known Characters.

Henry Smith, who probably had a larger acquaintance with financial magnates than any other man of his humble station in this city, died at his residence, says a New York dispatch, No. 2351/6 East Fortieth street, of heart failure.

To the thousands who passed his stand on Nassau street daily, he was known only as "the razor-strop man," and yet not so many years ago he had a big bank account and plunged into the maelstrom of Wall street with the boldest. Like many others he came to grief, and the closing years of church work in a very fashionable, yet at his life were spent in the humbler but no less legitimate occupation of selling razors, knives, scissors and other cutlery, and a pe-

culiar strop of which he was the inventor. Henry Smith was born in England sev-Henry Smith was born in England seventy-four years ago and came to this country in 1841. His father had left him some means, but most of this he spent before he emigrated, and when he landed here he was forced to hustle for a living. After some vicissitudes he began the manufacture of razor strops in Troy, N. Y., with one Hillman as a partner, and in a few years amassed \$120,000, which was looked upon as a fortune in those primitive days. While his partner attended to the manufacturing Smith did the selling of the goods. His custom was to travel from town to town and sell his strops to the crowds in the streets after the manner of the cheap Johns. He had extraordinary faculty for making jingling rhymes, and was wont to boast that his "poetry," as he called it, had put more dollars into his pocket than his ingenuity or his business activity.

For nearly a quarter of a century the razor-strop man has been a familiar figure on Nassau street. His tall, spare form, clad in respectable broadcloth, his snow-white hair

respectable broadcloth, his snow-white hair and whiskers and his cherry cry of "Step up! Step up! Only a few more left!" made him a feature of the street. Many of the leading bankers bought their penknives and their office cutlery from him, and all retheir office cutlery from him, and all re-ceived a greeting from him as they passed his stand. A few years ago, when Captain Petty commanded the new street police, a newly-appointed policeman, who had re-ceived instructions to keep the sidewalks clear, began operations by arresting "the razor-strop man." Old Smith, who served honorably in the 140th New York Vol-unteers, and was badly wounded at Get-tyshure, protested vanily against this tysburg, protested vainly against this indignity, and on the way to the station wrapped himself in an American flag with which be used cover his cases, saying that which he used cover his cases, saying that he had fought under it and was going to car ry it with him to the jail. But he was not jailed. Before he had been in the station a minute Mr. Vermilye, in front of whose banking house he carried on his business, and other financiers, interceded for him and he was released. Mr. Vermilye told Capt. Petty that he had given Smith permission to make his stand in front of his office, and if the police found him in their way hewould give him room in his banking house. Smith was at his post Friday afternoon and had a kindly word or a cherry greeting for every one that passed. About a week ago he had a fit, seemingly epileptic in character, and was taken into Vermilye & Co.'s office, where a doctor attended him. After being released from the hospital to which he was sent when wounded in the leg at the battle of Gettysburg, Mr. in the leg at the battle of Gettysburg, Mr. Smith volunteered his services as nurse, and for several months attended his wounded comrades faithfully. He declined to accept comrades faithfully. He declined to accept payment for his services, remarking that the government had enough to pay for car-rying on the war without his adding to the amount. Only a short time before his death he attended a reunion of his regiment at Rechester. He leaves a widow about 40

Women's Terror of Mice. The Scotsman: In this age of the world it is impossible for the most robust and astute man to stand still in one position for five minutes and exactly comprehend the nature of a woman's fear of a mouse.

years old, but no children.

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The committee on the compilation of the map states that the average depth of snow in the mountains in winter is four feet, and when a child takes the croup, it is wholly

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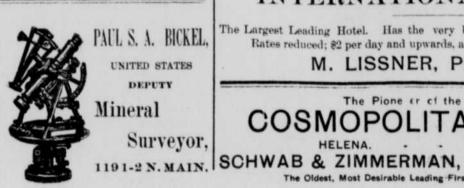
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